

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 01/02234

For: RADIAL PISTON PUMP

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 1**, Between the title and paragraph [0001] insert the following:

[0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0000.4] This application is a 35 U.S.C.371 application of PCT/DE 01/02234, filed on June 15, 2001.

[0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] Field Of The Invention

Between paragraphs [0002] and [0003] insert the following:

[0002.5] Description Of The Prior Art

Replace paragraph [0003] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0003] A radial piston pump of the generic type described above is known from German Patent Disclosure DE 198 47 044 A1. In the known radial piston pump, an annular groove which communicates with a plurality of axially disposed grooves or channels is made in the outer jacket face of the pistons in the circumferential direction. The macroscopic channels serve to orient the pistons "hydraulically", each in the associated element bore.